

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No.: 3-KS-04-10

Issued at: Fairbanks, Monday, July 26, 2010

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Expiration Date: December 31, 2010  
Unless superseded by subsequent  
Emergency Order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes sport fishing for king salmon in all waters of the Chena River drainage and the Tanana River within a 1/2 mile radius of the mouth of the Chena River effective 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 28, 2010. This closure prohibits all sport fishing for king salmon, including catch-and-release fishing. King salmon may not be retained or possessed; king salmon incidentally caught while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area. (c)(3)(C) and (c)(32)(A) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 28, 2010:

#### **5 AAC 74.010 Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area.**

(c)(3) in the Chena River and its tributaries,

(C) sport fishing for king salmon is closed; king salmon may not be retained or possessed. Any king salmon incidentally caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

(32) in the Tanana River within a 1/2 mile radius of the mouth of the Chena River,

(A) sport fishing for king salmon is closed; king salmon may not be retained or possessed. Any king salmon incidentally caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

Denby S. Lloyd  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

Audra L. J. Brase  
Tanana River Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

As of Sunday, July 25, the estimated cumulative king salmon escapement in the Chena River was below the biological escapement goal (BEG) lower bound of 2,800 fish by approximately 900 king salmon. Reports from assessment projects on the Tanana River downstream of Fairbanks indicate that relatively few king salmon are continuing to move toward the upriver tributaries.

Projected escapement based on current run strength indicate that the Chena River king salmon stock cannot support a sport harvest during the remainder of the run. Closing the king salmon sport fishery is warranted to achieve the Chena River king salmon BEG.

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